

A Day in the Navy

19 March 2008

- On March 19th, 332,823 Active Duty, 70,521 Reserve Component Sailors, with 5,544 Reserves mobilized, and 178,165 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- 280 active ships are in service. 140 (50%) including 6 carriers and 4 amphibious large deck ships are underway.
- Approximately 6,300 Sailors are deployed as Individual Augmentees around the world in support of the Global War on Terror, including 2,600 in Iraq and 1,300 in Afghanistan, among various other countries around the world.
- The Navy League's three-day Sea Air & Space Expo continues in Washington, D.C. focusing on Global Maritime Security. The Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard-signed Global Maritime Strategy is being promoted through the "Conversation with the Country" road show at the event.
- USS NIMITZ CSG, with Carrier Airwing 11 and Destroyer Squadron 23, is underway in the Western Pacific to provide presence and a response capability -- ensuring maritime security and stability.
- USS KITTY HAWK, Carrier Air Wing 5, and Destroyer Squadron 15 are spending their first full day at sea from Yokosuka, Japan. KITTY HAWK is certifying its flight deck and personnel before flying out air wing aircraft for their crews' carrier qualifications.
- CARRIER AIRWING 2 completes embarkation aboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. LINCOLN and Carrier Strike Group 9 are performing carrier qualifications at the start of a seven-month deployment to support operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.
- USS PELELIU Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) and elements of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit are operating in the Eastern Pacific conducting ESG Integration and Composite Training Unit Exercise in preparation for a deployment this summer, testing the strike group's ability to operate as a cohesive team while coordinating aviation and amphibious assets.
- USS CARL VINSON is entering the final phase of its scheduled 40-month Refueling Complex Overhaul (RCOH) at Northrop Grumman Newport News shipyard in Newport News, Va. The ship is now less than one year from returning to sea with sea trials beginning March 1, 2009.
- Sailors and embarked Marines from the USS HARPERS FERRY and 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) participate in Field Training Exercises and MEDCAPS/ENCAPS in Indonesia.

- USS NASSAU (LHA 4) and USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) are underway in the central and eastern Mediterranean providing maritime security operations (MSO) and theater security cooperation (TSC) efforts. While underway, the ship is conducting visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) drills with USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56).
- USS PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58) and USS ASHLAND (LSD 48) arrive in-port Haifa, Israel for a port call. While in-port, the ships' Commanding Officers will conduct office calls with the Mayor of Haifa and the Commanding Officer of Haifa's Naval Base.
- USS HAWAII, the nation's newest Virginia-class submarine, is underway in the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility conducting counter illicit trafficking operations in support of U.S. and participating nation drug control programs.
- USS FORT MCHENRY and HSV SWIFT are beginning their port call in Monrovia, Liberia as part of Africa Partnership Station. Both ships are supporting an exercise delivering humanitarian assistance and medical goods in conjunction with U.S. Marine Forces Europe and Project Hope.
- USS DALLAS is underway in the Mediterranean Sea after participation in NATO's "Operation Active Endeavor," an ongoing naval patrol of the Mediterranean by the alliance and its regional partners monitoring maritime activity to help detect, deter and respond to terrorism and other transnational threats.
- USS OHIO is in Guam after participating in the bi-national exercise Key Resolve/Foal Eagle and conducting the first foreign port visit for an SSGN submarine in Busan, Republic of Korea.
- Navy Installations Command is providing funeral honor support to over 120 funerals for our country's veterans. The Navy Installations Command coordinates approximately 100 funeral honors each day.
- Guam - The House Veterans Affairs Committee (Public Safety and Military Affairs) is visiting the island to discuss a new Veteran's Hospital and plans for a new Naval Hospital, and to discuss laydown and options for supporting a larger veteran's population after the pending buildup.
- Approximately 2,800 Seabees are deployed to 17 countries around the globe in support of the maritime strategy. To date, more than 15,000 Seabees have deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.
- Individual augmentees returning from deployment in the Central Command AOR are going through a Warrior Transition Program (WTP) at Camp Arifjan prior to returning to the States. This facility offers a single location to provide individual augmentee (IA) Sailors with education, programs and tools that will strengthen them through the mental and

logistical transition into and out of their assignments in places like Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations while serving directly in support of the Global War on Terror (GWOT).

- Naval Air Reserve squadron VAQ-209 "Star Warriors," welcomed back 3 E/A-6B Prowler aircraft deployed to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom since January. More than 200 personnel from the squadron completed 230 combat sorties, 1,200 flight hours in less than three months with an unprecedented 100% sortie completion.
- USS CROMMELIN, USS SIMPSON, USS STEPHEN W. GROVES, and US Navy P-3s are conducting Counter Narcotic operations in the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific. Since the beginning of the year, 51 metric tons of cocaine and .04 metric tons of heroin have been seized.

The material above is prepared for use by Navy Leaders to provide scene setter information describing the tempo of Navy daily operations in an unclassified manner. One day is chosen to provide more specific detail and present tense is recommended to set an appropriate tone. Although it is not possible to mention every ongoing activity, representative operations have been selected and chopped through OPNAV N3/5 and N2.